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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, DRISCOLL FIELD,
Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create eight (8) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated CV RA SUI through CV RA SUP.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
4. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Smelley 18 No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the substitute unit well for CV RA SUA.
5. To find that a substitute unit well for CV RA SUA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on this unit.
6. To designate Applicant as Operator of CV RA SUA.
7. To redefine the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, INsofar AND ONLY INsofar as to CV RA SUA and the eight proposed additional units, as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 10,220 feet and 13,542 feet in the J-W Operating Company--Smelley 18 No. 1 Well, located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 4 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
8. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H, effective December 18, 1990, to the proposed additional units for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A.

9. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H, effective December 18, 1990.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated October 8, 2001, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set October 29, 2001, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No timely request for the conference was received; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Driscoll Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

